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Amendment

selecting a plurality of containers adapted to contain and protect freight in a marine environment;

, lifting a container by means of a vehicle;

causing said vehicle to travel over a ramp to a storage deck of a marine vessel, said ramp and storage deck having sufficient strength to support said vehicle when said vehicle is transporting a fully loaded one of said containers;

positioning said container at a desired location on said deck by means of said vehicle;

repeating said lifting, causing and positioning steps for each of said plurality of containers;

securing said containers to said deck at said locations; and

towing said marine vessel with said containers secured to said deck thereof to a destination site.

Add the following new claims 29-31:

29. The method of claim 16 further comprising the step of loading freight into said container after said selecting step.

- 30. The method of claim 24 further comprising the step of loading freight into said container after said selecting step.
- 31. The method of claim 25 further comprising the step of loading freight into said container after said selecting step.